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## **UNITED STATES FILES NOTICE OF INTENT TO SEEK DEATH PENALTY**

FRESNO, Calif.—Acting United States Attorney Lawrence G. Brown announced today that a notice of intent to seek the death penalty has been filed in federal court against inmates JOSE CABRERA SABLAN and JAMES NINETE LEON GUERRERO for the killing of United States Correctional Officer Jose V. Rivera at United States Penitentiary Atwater on June 20, 2008.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Duce Rice and Elana Landau. The defendants were serving life sentences at USP Atwater for other crimes and were indicted on August 14, 2008 in this case. The next court hearing is April 27, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. before United States District Judge Oliver W. Wanger.

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